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# CALDRON 1955











# Dedication

- TO THE Liberaces who tinkle pretty tunes on the  
piano in the Union Room
- TO THE musical bells on the typewriters in the  
COURIER-CALDRON Office
- TO THE foreign songs sung in the Annex during  
language club meetings
- TO THE squeals of delight when exam grades are  
received
- TO THE weird siren-like noises that escaped from  
the physics laboratory
- TO THE faint hum of the co-eds in the kitchen  
preparing barbeques
- TO THE clanking of skeleton bones in anatomy as  
the students learn their names
- TO THE cheery "hello" echoing down the halls
- TO THE jarring blasts of the timer's horn between  
halves of sports events
- TO THE harmony and accord between the students  
and faculty
- TO ALL THESE and more which would occupy a  
book in themselves, We, the yearbook staff, do  
dedicate this 1955 CALDRON



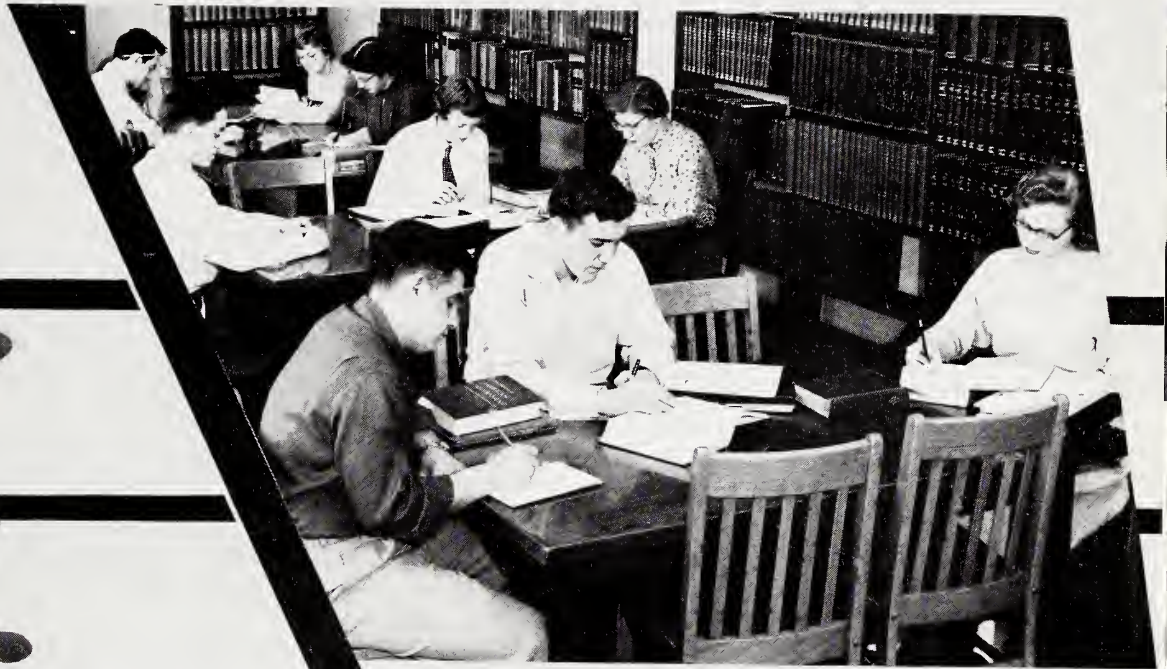
Union Room



Co-ed Room



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Annex



# CLUBS







# Co-ed Club



**Council:** Row 1: Carol Eyler, Gail Peterson  
Row 2: Doris Ann Mikol, Barbara Haywood, Theresa Koronkiewicz, Colleen Finney, Elaine Wolf.



The most binding factor among the women of TJC has proved to be the Co-ed Club. With co-operation and harmony as the major factors of its success, the women work together throughout the year.

The club is governed by the Co-ed council which consists of the officers and seven group leaders. The officers are Caryl Damm, president; Elaine Fieldhouse, 1st vice-president; Carol Manson, 2nd vice-president; Joan Gasper, secretary; Carol DeVries, treasurer. The leaders are Theresa Koronkiewicz, Alpha; Colleen Finney, Beta; Barbara Haywood, Gamma; Doris Ann Mikol, Delta; Elaine Wolf, Epsilon; Gail Peterson, Zeta; Carol Eyler, Kappa. The sponsor of the club is Miss Grace Holton.

This year, the activities of the club included the monthly teas, the father-daughter supper, the Christmas dinner, the mother-daughter luncheon, the Spring Luncheon, and the Staggette. The co-eds also maintained the kitchen in the Union Room.

**Officers:** Seated: Caryl Damm, Elaine Fieldhouse.  
Standing: Joan Gasper, Carol DeVries, Carol Manson.



# Men's Club



**Board:** Gary Vaughn, Walter Benner, Roland King, Jerry LaReau, John Murphy, John Wayne, Bill Lay, Richard Suhs, Chuck Segnari

The Men's Club is open to all men of TJC. This year some 100 men took advantage of this fact and joined.

Each year the club opens with a bang. Shortly after school began a "Mixer" was held, sponsored by the Men's Club and the Co-ed Club. In this way the students of J.C. were brought together for a night of fun and music. Later during the year a "Smoker" was held where football movies were shown. A new tradition was begun at J.C. this year by the Men's Club. The Christmas dance from now on is going to be known as the "Sleighbell Ball" as it has been called for the last two years. This year's dance was very well attended and turned out to be an excellent way to begin the Christmas vacation. A refreshment crew was organized to serve during football games and an open house was held after one football game. In the spring a "Mother-Son Banquet" was held.

The Men's Club is headed by a board of ten men, made up of the four officers and six representatives, three from each class. Mr. Lee Dugar is the sponsor of the Men's Club. Through his guiding efforts and the work of the board, the Men's Club traveled through the year in complete harmony.

**Officers:** Gary Vaughn, sec., Roland King, veep, Jerry LaReau, treas., John Murphy, pres.







Seated: Gail Peterson, Joan Eix, Luther Harthun, Barbara Zoe, Caryl Damm, John Murphy, Joan Gasper

Standing: Gordon Rehberg, Jerry King, Barbara Haywood, Bill Stuart

## Student Council



Officers: Gail Peterson, President, Joan Eix, Sec-Treas., Joan Gasper, Veep

The general welfare of the school is promoted by the close harmony of the students in an organization known as the Student Council. Membership of the Council is made up of the presidents of the Co-ed Club and the Men's Club and presidents of the freshman and sophomore classes. Three additional representatives are chosen from each class, and one member from the publications staffs.

Under the able direction of Miss Grace

Holton and Mr. Lee Duglar, co-sponsors of the organization, the Council functions as a democratic organization. It is responsible for the proper distribution of Council funds to satisfy the needs of various student extra-curricular activities. It also attempts to coordinate student activities in such a way as to provide a well-balanced calendar of events, such as a fall dance, a between-semesters dance, Open Houses, and a Prom.

Music is created by bringing together regular and harmonic sounds. Similarly, the scholastic honor society of Lambda Epsilon is composed of students interested in scholarship who are brought together in order that each may profit by the fellowship of those having similar interests.

The Greek letters "Lambda" and "Epsilon" are the initials of our motto "Lux Esto": "Let there be light." Since 1938, when this society was founded by Dr. Minna E. Jewell, who is still its sponsor, qualified students of TJC have

been welcomed as members.

To be eligible for membership one must make 42 or more honor points during their first semester, or an average of 37 or more honor points during two or three semesters.

The society annually holds a formal initiation for the new members. Active members receive their keys from the Dean of the college during a student convocation. The principal event is a dinner given in May when the active members invite the alumni to a reunion.

**Officers:** Elaine Fieldhouse, sec-treas., Gary Vaughn, pres., Roland King, veep.

## Lambda Epsilon

Barbara Haywood, John Murphy, Bob Meyer, Luther Horthum, Ron Patrizi, Elaine Fieldhouse, Bill Lay, Gary Vaughn, Jerry LaReau, Roland King, Carol Eyler, Valerie Bergold.





"I've Got Rhythm" could well be the theme song of the W.A.A. for rhythm is a necessary part of those Wednesday night meetings, whether the women are swimming or playing volleyball.

The purposes of the organization are to further the women's interest in sports, to teach them sportsmanship, and to help them become better friends.

This year the four sport seasons were swimming, volleyball, basketball, and baseball. Awards are given at end-of-the-season parties. A numeral goes to any woman who completes two seasons while those who finish six out of eight sport seasons during their four semesters at J.C. receive a large "T." Miss Marthalou Gray, the sponsor, keeps the rhythm in time.

The W.A.A. sponsored two Gym Jams this year, both of which were co-sponsored with the Lettermen's Club. The women also had a spring house party and challenged the J.C. men to volleyball games twice during the season.



**Officers:** Colleen Finney, Sec., June Koster, Pres., Pat Sala, Treas., Mike Thompson, Vice Pres.

## W. A. A.



**Board:** Doris Ann Mikol, Caryl Damm, Pearlene Neal, Barbara Haywood, Elaine Fieldhouse.





**Row 1:** Fran Gyger, Rich Talbot, Chuck Segnari, Hub McGroth, Laurence Johnson, Bill Sawicki. **Row 2:** Conrad Sundeen, Ray Jones, Walter Benner, Jim McNulty, Pete Jones. **Row 3:** John Wayne, Tom Swingle, Bill Haines, Jim Adam, Don Colby, Ronald Wehling. **Row 4:** Allan Westbrook, Larry Holm, Roland King, Ray Graham, Bob Barnhill, Fred Stegbauer, Robert Castner, Mel Katten, Conrad Kern.

## Lettermen's Club

The Lettermen's Club is for the men of J.C. who have earned a letter in any of the sports here at Thornton. The sponsor of the club is Peter Schloss who coaches a large amount of the sports at J.C.

Meetings of the club are held whenever an important occasion comes up during the year rather than on a regular basis. Activities this year included co-sponsoring two Gym Jams with the W.A.A., and a banquet which is held annually for the lettermen of Thornton Junior College. This banquet is given by the members of the club in honor of these new lettermen. At this year's banquet the J.C. cheerleaders were present as the guests of the Lettermen's Club.

In the fall of each year new officers are elected by the Lettermen's Club. This year's officers were: Fran Gyger, president; Chuck Segnari, vice president; Bob Castner, secretary; and Jim Adam, treasurer.

**Officers:** Sitting: Fran Gyger, Chuck Segnari. Standing: Robert Castner, Jim Adam.







Margot Bolton, Caryl Damm, Barbara Haywood, Bob Perry, Peter Marra, Sylvia Chlebicki, Nancy Aksomit, Margene Crain, John Murphy.

## French Club

"Allons enfants de la patrie . . ."

These famous lines from the French national anthem, **La Marseillaise**, can be heard drifting down the corridor of the Annex from room 4B in which the French Club holds its meetings.

Initiation of the new members was one of the first activities of the club. During the day the initiates wearing clashing colors and berets, carried a sign and a loaf of long French bread. Later in the afternoon, they were given a guided tour in the sewers of Paris.

At the International Language party at Christmas time, the French Club presented a puppet show and sang Christmas carols in French.

The last activity of the year was the Language Clubs Picnic, which is an annual event in conjunction with the Spanish and German clubs.

The French Club, which is open to any student enrolled in a French class, is sponsored by Mr. Charles Avery, French instructor.

**Officers:** Margot Bolton, vice pres., Barbara Haywood, pres., Sylvia Chlebicki, sec., Harry Battenburg, treas., not pictured.







**Row 1:** Valerie Bergold, Carol Eyler, Elaine Wegener, Jessie Benner **Row 2:** Walter Benner, Dennis Johnson, Richard Larson, Gary Vaughn, Luther Harthun, Sam Maselli, Ronald Zemke. **Row 3:** Jim Alsip, Lloyd Scholl, Richard Van Baren, Martin Kehle, Ken Huggins, Gordon Snyder, Jim Fremder.

## German Club

In key with the study of German in class, intervals of informal learning such as songs, games, presentation of plays and films play an important part in acquiring a major knowledge of the German language. For this additional instruction to students of German, Der Deutsche Verein was marched into existence in the fall of 1931. The German Club, in unison with the other language clubs, presents the annual Language Club Christmas Party and a picnic in the spring.

The maestro of the club is Mr. Arnold Koestor and the club has a staff of three, President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Its membership is open to J.C. students with a knowledge of German.



**Officers:** Gary Vaughn, vice pres., Luther Harthun, pres.





**Row 1:** Janel Sopko, J. Dean Huelat, Therese Koronkiewicz, Bob Dykema. **Row 2:** Carolyn Moore, Barbara Kreps, Kitty Franks, Mary Ann Wojcik, Loretta Labno. **Row 3:** Clayton Bingaman, Lloyd Scholl, Don Colby, Larry Graham, Prentiss Franklin. **Row 4:** Bette Mudie, Alice Bielfeldt, Rhae Bielfeldt, Ellen Wolkman, Roberta Parks, Jeri Russell, James Broderick.

## Spanish Club



The lilting Latin-American melodies of the day bring to mind the memories of El Circulo Espanol.

This year, the faculty advisor was Mr. Charles Avery. El Circulo Espanol gives the students a chance to learn about some of the different customs and behaviors of our Latin-American neighbors. The meetings are held at various times of the year.

The club joined in the annual Christmas Party, which is jointly sponsored by all the language clubs. Like the other clubs, El Circulo Espanol presented some carols; some were the old favorites, and some were those which originated in the various Spanish-speaking countries.

**Officers:** Clayton Bingaman, pres., Kitty Franks, sec., Janel Sopko, treas., Jeri Russell, vice pres.





Row 1: Francine Ertl, Barbara Kreps, Carolyn Moore, Nancy Galey, Nancy Frachey, Carmelita Alfano, Mary Therese Redmond. Row 2: Jessie Benner, Shirley Vagnieres, Eva Aguilar, Rosemary Gleason, Barbara Boland, Elaine Miller. Row 3: Judy Hess, David Krueger, Jim Adam, Bill Haines, Rich Suhs, Gary Vaughn (Accomp.), Betty Johnson, Bill Tullia. Row 4: Carol Schweikert, Judy Caress, Rhae Bielfeldt, Joan Eix, Alice Bielfeldt, Caryl Damm, Gerrie Peterson, Janel Sopko, Valerie Bergold. Mrs. Ruth Steele, Directing.

## Chorus

One of the newest and most active organizations at J.C. is the chorus. Organized this fall, the membership of the chorus has risen from just a few to the present membership of thirty-five. Under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Steele, the chorus has shown its versatility by presenting both secular and religious numbers effectively.

During the year the chorus took part in several activities. They presented an assembly, assisted at the J.C. play, and presented a program on the progression of jazz for the PTA and several neighboring grade schools.

Several smaller groups were formed from the chorus, among them the girls' trio and the men's quartette.





**Officers:** Sitting: Carol Eyler, Valerie Bergold, Bill Blewett. Standing: Joan Eix, Mr. H. C. Ohlert, sponsor.

## Drama Club

Guided under the expert directorship of Mr. E. C. Ohlert and sponsored by Dr. Minna Jewell, J.C.'s Drama Club has successfully presented another outstanding production. This year, "**Lady Windermere's Fan**" by Oscar Wilde was the play which received the full attention of all interested students.

Not only actors and actresses, but also make-up artists, ticket sellers, prop-men, and ushers appeared in profusion just before the dates of February 25 and 26. All members, therefore, contributed a vital part to this final success.

The masquers were harmoniously led this year by Bill Blewett, president; Joan Eix, vice-president; Valerie Bergold, secretary; and Carol Eyler, treasurer.

Colleen Finney, Joan Eix, Carol Eyler, Pat Sala, Tom Swingle, Francine Ertl, Valerie Bergold, Delia Alden, Elaine Wolf.





# Engineering Society

One of the new organizations to be developed this year was the T.J.C. Engineering Society. Through the efforts and enthusiasm of Bill Lay the groundwork was prepared and with the cooperation of all the Sophomore engineering students the society toured several of the local plants including The Ingalls-Shepard plant, Sinclair Research Laboratories, Buda Company, and others. With the help of both faculty members and students, speakers were arranged for, to explain various phases of actual engineering application. Although the society was initiated by sophomore students the activities were open to all interested students.



George Sheehy, Vice President,  
Bill Lay, President.





# Caldron



Co-editors: Valerie Bergold and John Murphy.



Managers: Elaine Wolf—Art, Jerry LaReau—Business.

This year's CALDRON staff was made up of students who were willing to give up their free time here at school. Music was chosen as the theme and from then on notes, songs, titles, and other musical sounds were tossed around the office. A contest was held for the best cover and Jim Adam's design was chosen as the best. He received five dollars for his effort.

Since there was no journalism class, many problems of assignments and work had to be overcome. Many days a number of few spent four and five hours through the morning and afternoon typing and making up the yearbook.

The CALDRON, as the name implies, is a collection or melting pot for all the activities of the student body through the year. Mr. Roy Swanberg is the faculty advisor.



Barbara Haywood, Doris Ann Mikol, Joan Gasper, Caryl Damm, Betty Johnson, Carol Eyler, Bob Dykema, Richard Lentier, Tom Swingle, Terry Koronkiewicz.





## Courier

Co-editors: Bob Dykema and Barbara Haywood.

Ad Managers: Martin Kehle (Absent), Richard Lentfer, Betty Johnson.

When the harsh clatter of the typewriters slowly diminishes, the hard-working staff of the TJC COURIER breathes a sigh of relief as the paper goes to press. The paper this year is a four page, five column paper.

In addition to the reporting of all the coming events of the college activities, the staff also presented sports news, editorials, feature articles, and cartoons.

The COURIER circulation is about 400. It is available to all J.C. students, faculty, advertisers, and alumni, as well as various other schools on an exchange basis.

Since there was no journalism class this year, the paper was written and edited solely by the student staff. The staff devoted their time and effort to the survival of a school paper.



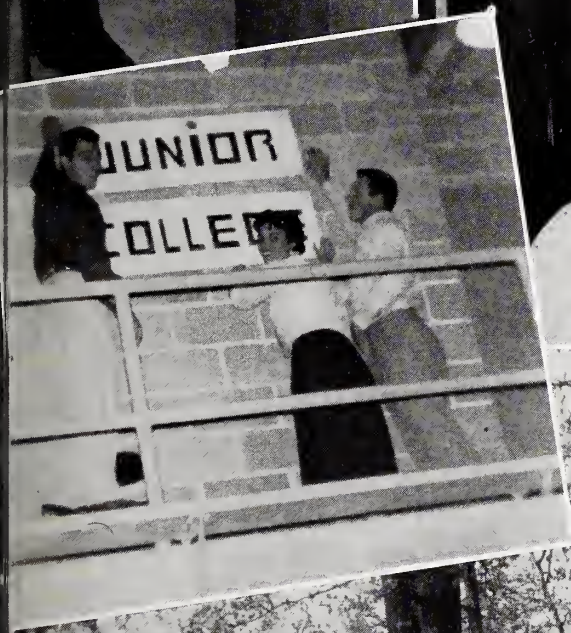
John Murphy, Fran Gyger, Tom Swingle, Delia Alden, Doris Ann Mikol, Joan Gasper, Carol Kickert, Caryl Damm, Valerie Bergold, Terry Koronkiewicz, Steffan Barnhardt.



## Clubs Off Guard







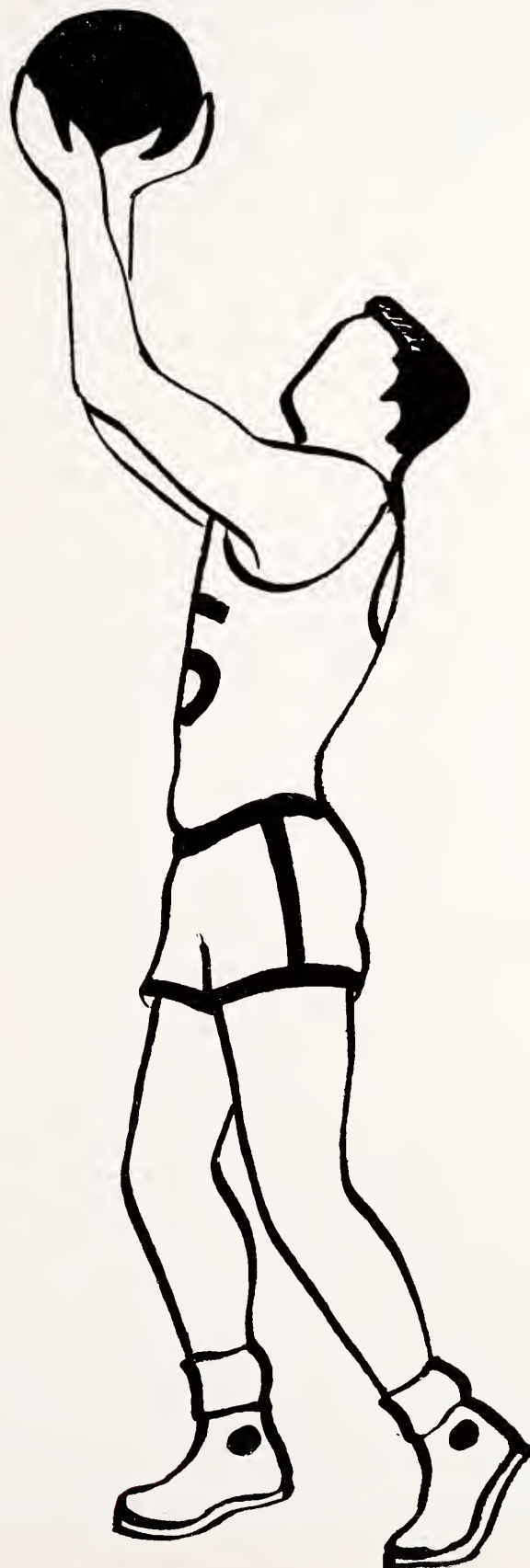
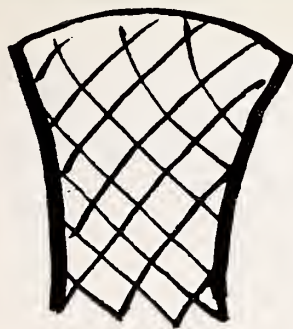




# SPORTS









Row 1: Jim Adam, Wallace Branch, Fran Gyger, Chuck Segnari, Bill Haines, Ray Jones. Row 2: Robert Castner, Conrad Kern, Earl Plusner, Harold Jones, Clifford E. Underwood, Bill Sawicki, Laurence Johnson. Row 3: Jim McNulty, Pete Hurckes, Jim Alsip, Herb McGrath, Mel Katten, Connie Nelson, Bruce Griffin, Al Westbrook.

## Football

The Thornton Junior College grid team started out the football season by losing to the Valparaiso "B" squad, 14-7. It was the first touchdown that a TJC team had been able to score in two years. Journeying to Wright Junior College the Bulldogs experienced "fumblitis" as they fumbled the ball fifteen times and gave Wright the victory, 34-14. The Bulldogs played host to a visiting Joliet eleven and were severely trounced, 19-0. This game proved rather costly, as three Thornton regulars were injured. North Park Junior College proved to be a formidable opponent as they came from behind to beat the Orange and Black, 13-7. North Park scored the winning touchdown with but a few minutes of play remaining. Thornton's game with Wilson turned out to be a hard fought contest all the way. Wilson scored early in the game on a pass play, and with a minute to play, TJC had the ball within three yards of pay dirt but couldn't score and Wilson took the measure of the Bulldogs 6-0. The Bulldogs traveled to LaSalle-Peru in the sixth and final encounter of the season in quest of their first win. But the league leaders showed little mercy as they leveled the Bulldogs, 34-7.

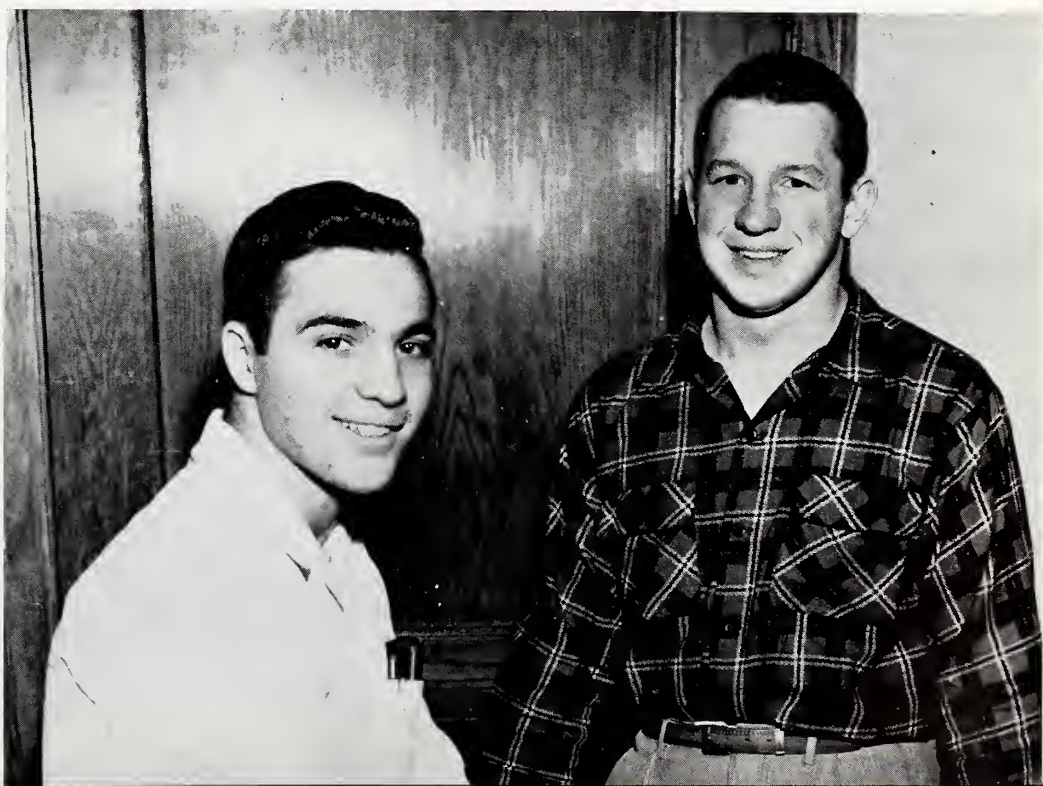




### Football Schedule

TJC	7	Valparaiso	14
TJC	13	Wright	26
TJC	0	Joliet	18
TJC	7	North Park	13
TJC	0	Wilson	6
TJC	6	LaSalle-Peru	7

Co-Captains: Chuck Segnari, Fran Gyger.









# Basketball

Coach Peter Schloss cagers enjoyed one of the best seasons that a team at Thornton has ever had. A season's record of fourteen victories and nine defeats was compiled. The outlook for the Orange and Black for next year is even brighter. Only one man will be graduated from the present squad, and new talent is expected.

The Bulldogs opened the season by losing to Moline in a non-conference game. After taking the measure of Morton Junior College in the conference inaugural, the Orange and Black lost two in a row to De Paul and Wheaton. Wilson proved to be the second conference victim of the Bulldogs and a win over North Central preceded Thornton's first conference loss to Joliet, the eventual conference champs.

Thornton surpassed the century mark in scoring by drubbing Purdue Extension and then lost in conference play to Crane. Thornton then started a six game victory skein by defeating North Park, Elgin, Lyons, LaSalle-Peru, Chicagoland Construction, and Purdue Extension. Wheaton and De Paul proved to be trouble again as they beat the Bulldogs in return engagements.

Getting back to conference play after two straight defeats, the Bulldogs lost a heart-breaker to Wright Junior College. After this, Thornton won four in a row by defeating North Central, Moline, Elgin, and Lyons. North Park closed the cage season by walloping the Orange and Black and sending them into fifth place in the conference standing.

## Basketball Schedule

TJC	87	Moline	92	:
TJC	89	Morton	88	
TJC	74	Wheaton "B"	78	
TJC	77	De Paul Frosh	102	
TJC	91	Wilson	73	
TJC	103	North Central "B"	79	
TJC	71	Joliet	88	
TJC	105	Purdue Extension	69	
TJC	79	Crane	98	
TJC	62	North Park	59	
TJC	88	Elgin	78	
TJC	73	LaGrange	66	
TJC	109	L.P.O.	82	
TJC	82	Chicagoland Const.	66	
TJC	96	Purdue Extension	63	
TJC	86	Wheaton "B"	87	
TJC	82	De Paul Frosh	102	
TJC	72	Wright	74	
TJC	103	North Central "B"	89	
TJC	99	Moline	76	
TJC	83	Elgin	72	
TJC	52	LaGrange	48	
TJC	93	North Park	103	

Kneeling: Stanley Czyl, Jack Keenan, Bill Bachman. Standing **Row 1:** John Phillips, Tom Kernagis, Clifford Underwood, Jim Alsip, and Lloyd Scholl. Standing **Row 2:** Tom Callaghan, Tom Mailloux, Ron Wehling, Bob Martin, Elmer Ginther, and Fran Gyger.

Co-captains: Jim Alsip and Lloyd Scholl.

W. Bachman, Clifford Underwood, Jim Alsip, Lloyd Scholl, Ron Carlock, Fran Gyger, Thomas Callaghan, John Phillips, Jack Keenan, Harold Jones, Elmer Ginther, Ronald Wehling, Tom Kernagis, Tom Mailloux, Stanley Czyl.

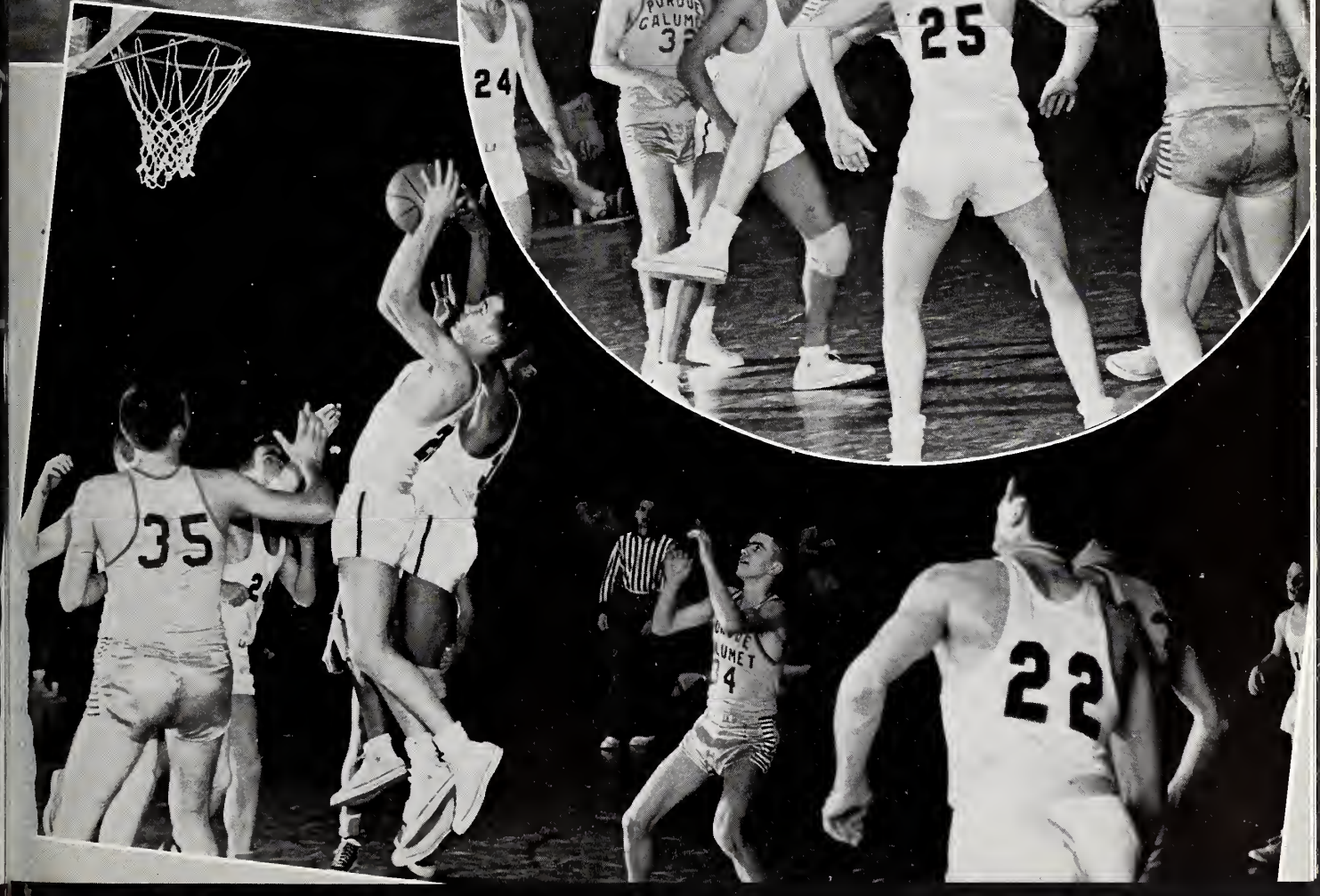
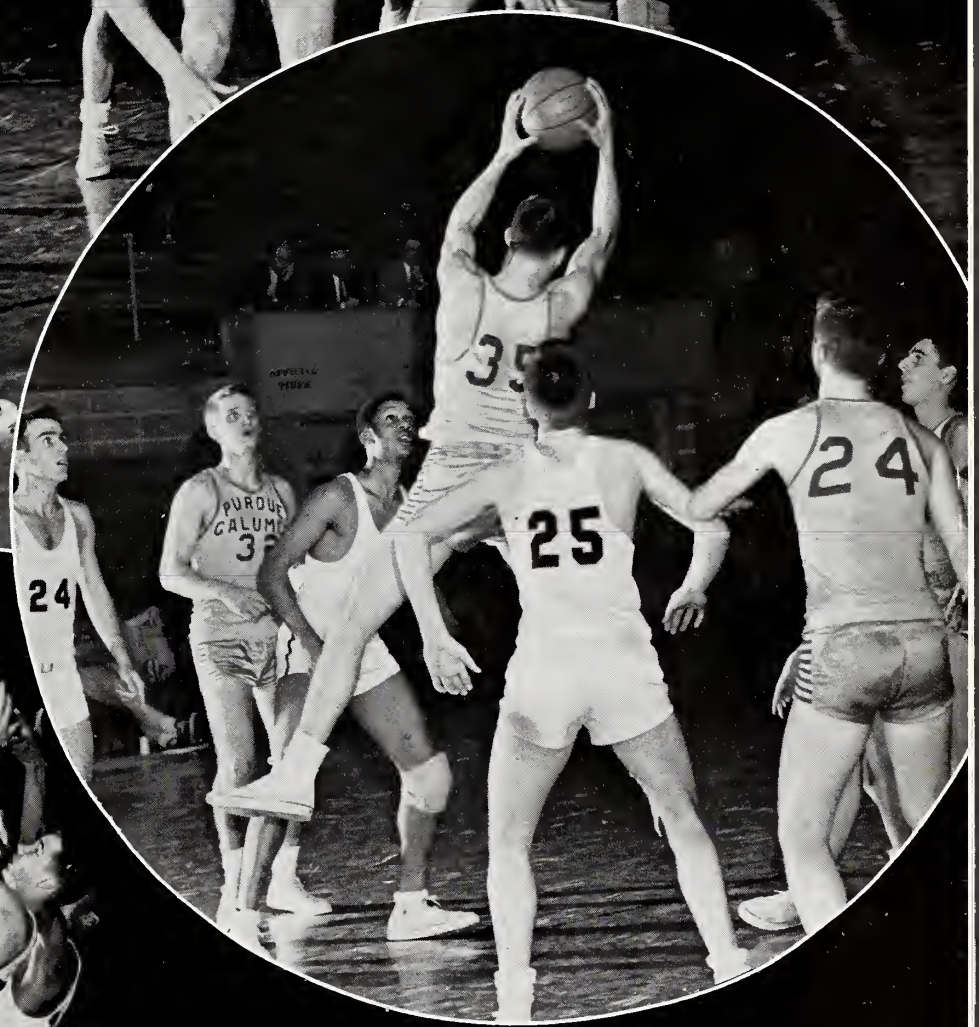






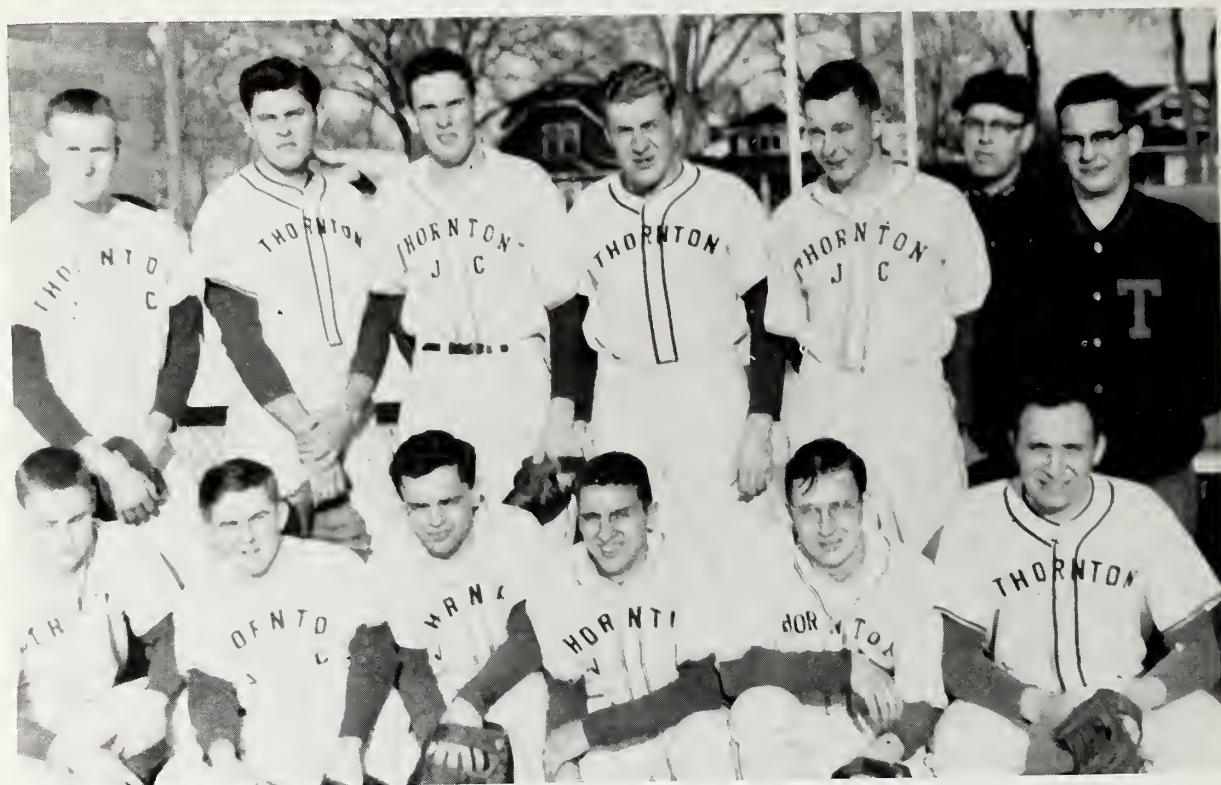








# Baseball



Row 1: Ted Thompson, Bill Serne, Don Piattoni, Joe Boudreau, Wayne Weishaar, Larry Graham. Row 2: Bob Barnhill, Ben Gatch, Ronald Wehling, Ray Graham, Larry Holm, Coach Koester, John Ewing, Mgr.

## Baseball Scores

TJC	14	LaGrange	1
TJC	10	Moline	2
TJC	6	Wright	11
TJC	7	Joliet	8
TJC	12	North Park	7
TJC	3	Herzl	1
TJC	4	Morton	13
TJC	6	Elgin	3
TJC	1	Wilson	3
TJC	5	LaGrange	8

TJC breezed into its 1954 baseball season under the able guidance of Coach Arnold Koester. Despite a number of wet days, the Bulldog diamondmen made a fine record for their school.

With the returnees Joe Boudreau, Ray Olsen, Bill Serne, Don Piattoni, and Wayne Weishaar, and newcomers Jim Alsip, Tom Bell, Martin Brands, Al Chamberlain, Henry Dalloz, Tom Fink, Ray Graham, Larry Holm, Lloyd Scholl, Ken Webster, and Ronald Wehling, the team was not a pushover or an easy touch for any other team in the league.



Kneeling: Walter Branch,  
Walter Benner.  
Standing: Dick Weisbrodt,  
Bill Haines, and Walter  
Bailey.



## Track

The track team for 1955 has three returning lettermen: Bill Haines, who ran the hurdles and participated in field events; Wallace Branch, who specialized in the 100 and 220 yard dashes; and Walter Benner, who ran the mile and two-mile distances.

New arrivals at T.J.C. this year promise to maintain last year's standards and maybe reach new heights for the fame of their alma mater.

Coach Peter Schloss has scheduled five meets this year, two of which are at home.

### 1954 TRACK RECORD

MEETS	T.J.C.
T.J.C., North Park, La Grange	1st
T.J.C., North Park, La Grange, Morton	1st
Beloit Relays	3rd
Wright, T.J.C., North Park, Herzl, La Grange	2nd
Wheaton B Meet	3rd
T.J.C., Concordia, North Park	1st
Conference	5th





Kneeling: Roland King,  
Vernon Schultz.  
Standing: Byron Roden-  
burg, David Chittenden,  
Donald Weinmann.

## Tennis

With two doubles teams and two singles men, the "Tennis Tigers" of J.C. attacked their schedule. Vern Schultz and Captain Don Weinmann were the No. 1 doubles team, and Roland King played No. 1 singles.

The conference meet was held in Joliet. Don Weinmann and Vern Schultz lost a hard-fought first match in the doubles competition, while Roland King copped third in singles.

Letter winners—Dave Chittenden

Roland King

Byron Rodenberg

Vern Schultz

Don Weinmann, Capt.

Season Record—Won 1; Lost 4; Tied 0

Dual Meets—

Lost to Wright, Joliet, La Grange,  
and Morton.

Victory—won at the Wilson match.

Conference Meet—Doubles: No Place  
Singles: Third





Tom Kernagis, Jerry Murawski, Frank Weaver, Stanley Czul, Walter Benner.

Coach Avery had quite a job cut out for him in the 1954 golf season. He had little experience on his side as his band faced the strong city teams and the always respected Joliet team.

Willing and determined, his band fought through matches with Wright, North Park, and Joliet Junior Colleges, only to be disappointed each time. They proved, however, that with the added experience they have gained this past season, they could well pose a threat to the rest of the golf league next year.

## Golf





Captains: Seated: Bill Haines, Tom Swingle.  
Standing: Don Colby, Ray Graham.

## Intramurals

Twelve games were played this intramural basketball season. After much hard battling and scrambling in tight games, Team one, consisting of captain Dick Burton, Mel Katten, Vince Sassano, Walt Skruzena, Ron Ward, and Willie Ware, emerged as the victor and earned its place on the intramural basketball plaque. Team one ended with a record of six wins and one defeat. The other three teams, led by captains Tom Swingle, Jerry Karowski, and Doug Weaver, had just as much fun but a lesser share in the honors with 5-2, 1-4, and 0-5 records respectively.

Intramural ping-pong came into its own also, as captains Richard Burton and Gerald Johnson spurred their teams on to greater showings, and great fun was had by all participating.

Badminton and chess rounded out a successful intramural season at TJC.

Row 1: Bill Haines, Tom Swingle, Don Colby, Ray Graham, Bill Ware. Row 2: Walter Skrezyna, Gerald Johnson, Larry Holm, John Maher, Walter Benner. Row 3: Darryl Albright, Mel Katten, Gordon Rehberg, Edwin Engenbacher, Ron Ward, Rich Lentfer.







Row 1: Rhae Bielfeldt, Carol Eyler (Captain), Pat Sala.  
Row 2: Alice Bielfeldt, Bette Mudie, Joanne Walczak.

## Cheerleaders

"Victory, victory; that's our cry!" yelled our peppy cheerleaders as they spurred their Bulldogs on to triumph. Enthusiasm was their key quality at each and every pep assembly and game, and through their vivacity, they aroused the student body's interest in J.C. teams.

Lively and energetic, they appeared without fail at every game. Led by Carol Eyler, the 6 Pep-Cats, including Alice Bielfeldt, Rhae Bielfeldt, Bette Mudie, Pat Sala, and Joanne Walczak, along with their talented tumbler, Gail Peterson, promoted a high spirit of hopefulness and determination which proved impressingly effective to the team.

Working harmoniously every Tuesday and Thursday morning, these Pep-Cats perfected a variety of rhythmical cheers, smooth in form and vigorous in quality, which they later presented to the spectators at games. In their uniforms of black slacks and white sweaters, they were always an inspiration to the team.

Carol Eyler, Capt., Gail Peterson, Pat Sala, Joanne Walczak,  
Betty Mudie, Alice Bielfeldt, Rhae Bielfeldt.















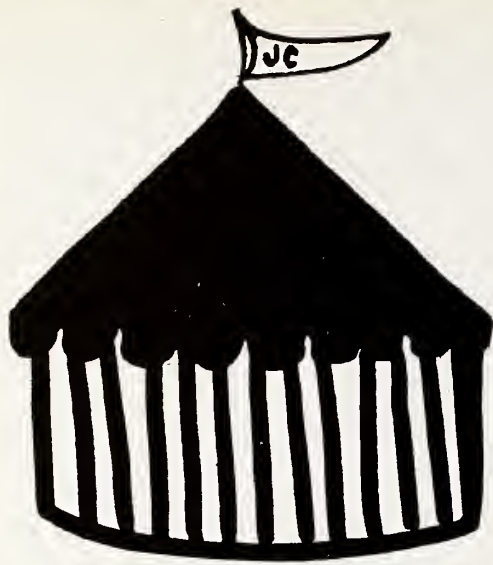
**FUN**











# Under The B

Dean Beck; Co-chairmen, Carol Eyler, Gary Vaughn, Elaine Wolf





# Big Top





# Twilight Time

Twilight Time will long be remembered as an evening spent under blue lights with the skyline of the big city in the background. Stars glittered in the sky as the couples danced 'til midnight.

This dance was sponsored by the Student Council. Through the morning and afternoon before the dance many students helped put up the decorations. Lights were strung from the "cat-walks," stars and a moon were hung from the net, and tables were set up with a star placed in the center of each one.

Following are the names of the committee heads that organized the dance:

Decorations—Joan Gasper

Chaperones—Luther Harthun

Tickets—Barbara Haywood, John Murphy

Orchestra—Gail Peterson

Refreshments—Gordon Rehberg

All of the hard work of these people plus that of more who came to help was rewarded by the good time the dance gave to those who came.









General Chairman

## Sleighbell Ball

Look Out for the Bells

J. C. Chorus

Chairman and Dates Take Over











## Gym Sock









# Co-ed Club





# Teas





# Drama Club Play

## CAST

Lord Windermere	David Krueger
Lord Darlington	Luther Harthun
Lord Augustus	Tom Swingle
Mr. Dumby	Bruce Griffin
Mr. Hopper	Darryl Albright
Parker	Sam Maselli
Mr. Cecil Graham	Gerrit Hook
Lady Windermere	Francine Ertl
Duchess of Berwick	Alice Bielfeldt
Agatha Carlisle	Rhae Bielfeldt
Lady Plymdale	Dolores Smith
Lady Jedburgh	Gerrie Peterson
Lady Stutfield	Joan Eix
Mrs. Cowper-	Delia Alden
Cowper	
Mrs. Erlynne	Jeannine Marcotte
Rosalie	Carol Eyer
Extra	Gary Vaughn



Mr. H. C. Ohlert, Sponsor

One of the major chords on the scale of social activities presented at J.C. is the annual play staged by the Drama Club. Oscar Wilde's four-act play, "Lady Windermere's Fan," was performed this year.

The action of the play took place in London in 1890 and contained some lively events and sharp dialogue.

Mr. Ohlert, sponsor of the Drama Club, conducted the play.











Clara Stewart, maid-of-honor, Gail Peterson, Sweetheart





Kneeling: Joan Gasper,  
Ann Marie Rascop,  
Carolyn Moore, Carol Man-  
son.  
Seated: Clara Stewart,  
Gail Peterson.  
Standing: Arlene Oedzes,  
Colleen Finney, Elaine  
Wolf.

## Staggette

With the melody of "Stardust" in the background, Caryl Damm began her introduction of the eight maidens of the Staggette Court. After each girl had been announced and had taken her place before the orchestra, everything grew still, for all awaited the announcement of this year's Sweetheart and Maid of Honor.

March 5 will be a long remembered and well-cherished event for Gail Peterson, our 1955 Staggette Sweetheart, and Clara Stewart, her Maid of Honor. Arlene Oedzes, last year's Sweetheart, was there to place a crown of white hyacinth blossoms on the head of Thornton's fifteenth Sweetheart.

This year the Staggette was held in the distinguished Louis XVI Room of the Shoreland Hotel. It was a dreamy evening set to the music of Mike Sullivan and his orchestra.





## Island Paradise



Ever been on a paradise isle? Those who attended the prom last year will recall the South Pacific atmosphere which filled the Tropical Room in the Sheraton Hotel in the Loop.

"Island Paradise," which was the theme of the dance, was the last formal dance sponsored by the Student Council. Eddy Jacoby, his six-piece orchestra, and a girl vocalist provided the music from nine to midnight.

Hawaiian punch, native bids with ukuleles dangling from a golden string, and the room with its raised verandas helped put across the tropical idea.





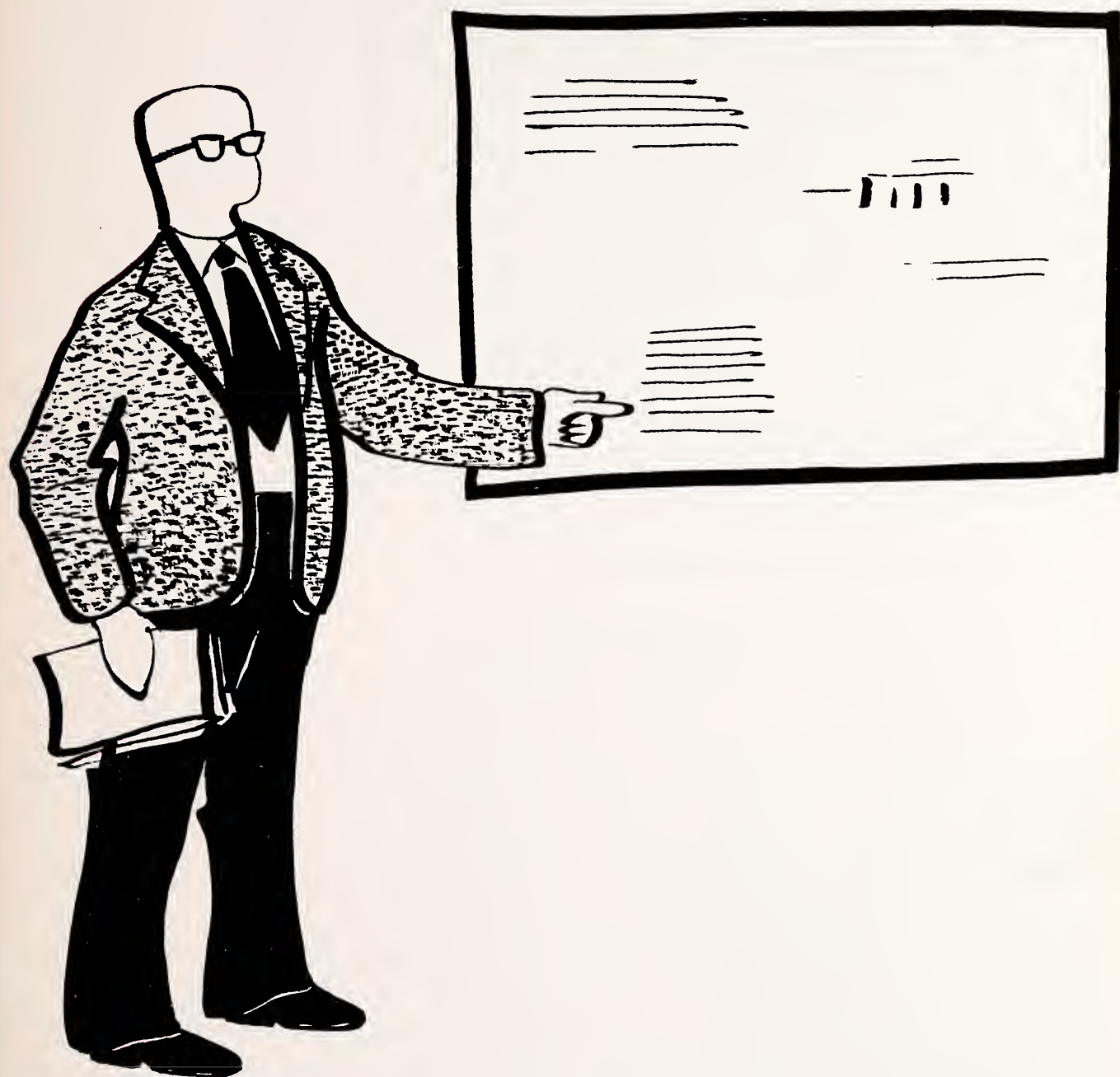




# FACULTY











L. to R.: Mr. Henry Vandenberg, Dr. Clarence E. Simon, Mr. Henry J. Van Der Giesen, Mr. George H. Meyer, Mr. George E. Gilley, Mr. Fred T. Ehlert, and Mr. William B. Kane, president.

## Board of Education



Mr. Burton W. Evans, attorney, and Mr. A. F. Waldschmidt, treasurer.

Songs of thanks should be sung to the members of the Board of Education. They are men who give up many hours of their own time to help better our school organization. It is through their efforts and time consuming hours of work that we have as fine a school as we do.

Heading the board as president is Mr. William B. Kane. His fellow members are: Mr. Fred T. Ehlert, Riverdale; Mr. George E. Gilley, Harvey; Mr. George H. Meyer, Homewood; Dr. Clarence E. Simon, Harvey; Mr. Henry Vandenberg, Dolton; and Mr. Henry J. Van Der Giessen, South Holland.

There are other officers assisting Mr. Kane. They are: Mr. Burton W. Evans who serves as the school attorney, Dr. Charles W. Foster serving as secretary, and Mr. A. F. Waldschmidt serving as treasurer.

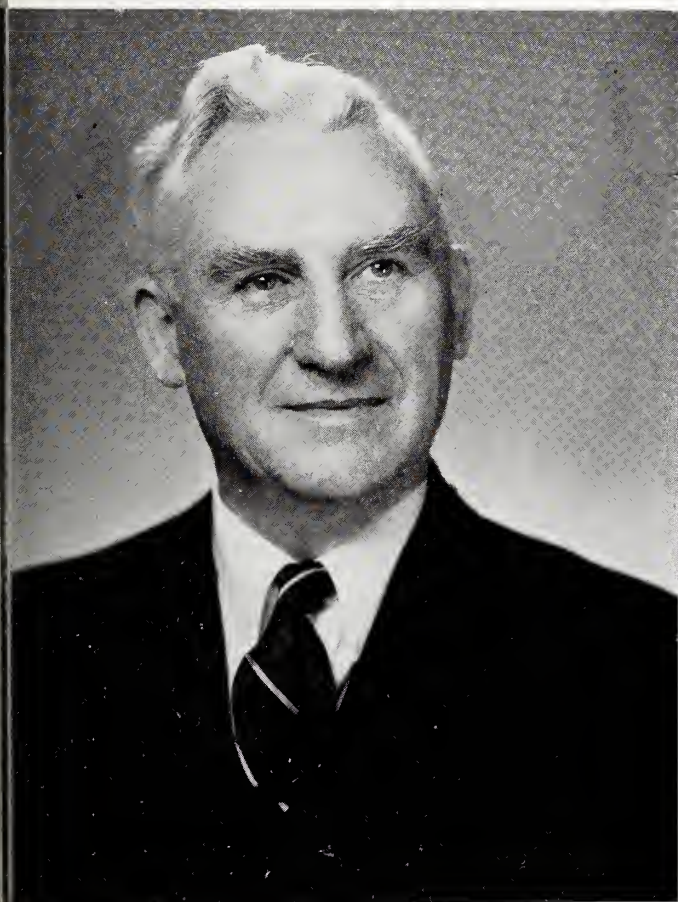
These men work in harmony to keep our school up to its high standard of operation.



## Doctor Hanson

Plus a score of responsibilities connected with Thornton Township High School, Dr. Ernest M. Hanson is also the industrious superintendent of Thornton Junior College.

Dr. Hanson earned his B.S. and M.A. degrees at the University of Minnesota. He received his Ed.D. from Colorado State College of Education. Dr. Hanson then served as superintendent of schools at Hutchinson and New Ulm, Minnesota. Soon after this position, he became an assistant superintendent in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also served as superintendent of a unit district composed of two high schools and twenty-five elementary schools in Pueblo, Colorado.



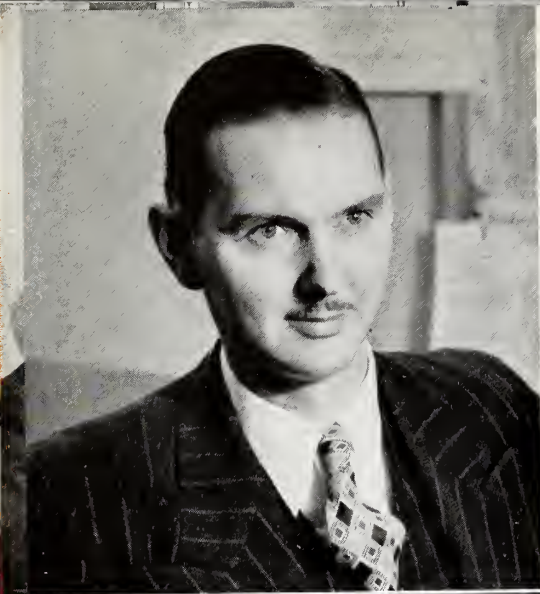
## Dean Beck

The man responsible for maintaining a large amount of the smooth rhythm necessary for the management of Thornton Junior College is Dean James L. Beck.

Besides friendship, the student can expect a great deal of understanding and cheerfulness under the guidance of this informative man.

Dean Beck holds 3 degrees: his A.B. and his B.S. in Education from Ohio University and his M.A. degree from the University of Chicago.





## Mr. Charles W. Foster

Among the individuals who worry about and manage the finances of Thornton Junior College is the business manager, Mr. Charles W. Foster. Mr. Foster is also aware and watchful of other aspects of the functioning of the college.

He has earned a B.Ed. and an M.A. and has attended Northwestern University and Illinois State Normal University. During the last year, he has also acquired his Doctors degree in Education.

## Mr. Arnold F. Koester

Most people are busy enough with problems of their own, but Arnold F. Koester, director of student personnel and guidance and head of the psychology department, listens generously to problems of those students who need help or advice.

Mr. Koester is also the secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Junior College conference, German instructor, and the baseball coach.

He received his B.A. degree from the University of Iowa and his M.A. degree from the University of South Dakota.



## Miss Grace Holton

A person who is sincerely interested in the students and their problems and an interested observer and stimulator of the events at Thornton Junior College is the dean of women, Miss Grace Holton.

Miss Holton, who serves Thornton Junior College as dean of women and sponsor of the Co-ed club as well as an instructor in the English department is well known for her helpfulness.

She received her A.B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University.

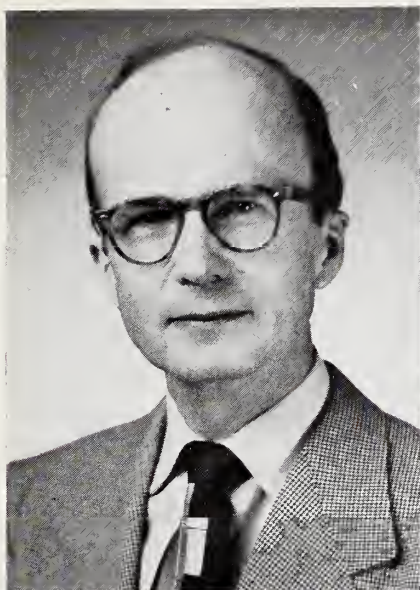
## Miss Doris A. Halverson

Many students struggling with an extra hard assignment will gratefully turn to our courteous librarian for relief. Her quick humor and ready reply to questions asked make those who make up Thornton Junior College thankful that she is available for help when it is needed.

Miss Halverson received her library training at Drexel institute, where she received her B.J.S. She earned her B.A. degree from Macalester college and joined the J.C. faculty in 1945



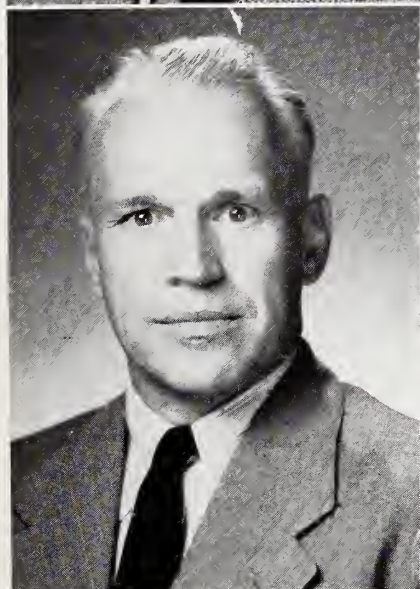




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 Certificat d' études pratiques  
 Oberlin College  
 Middlebury College  
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 University of Paris  
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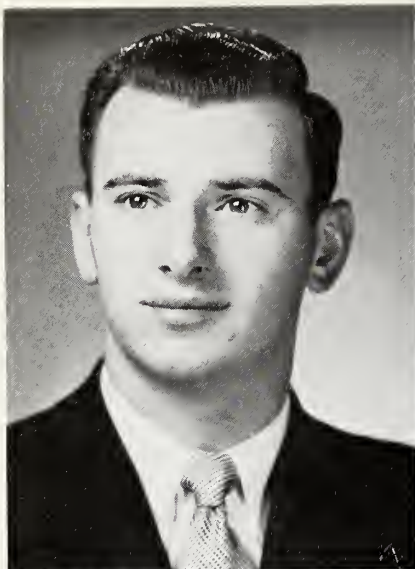
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**Lawrence Britton, B.S. in M.E.**  
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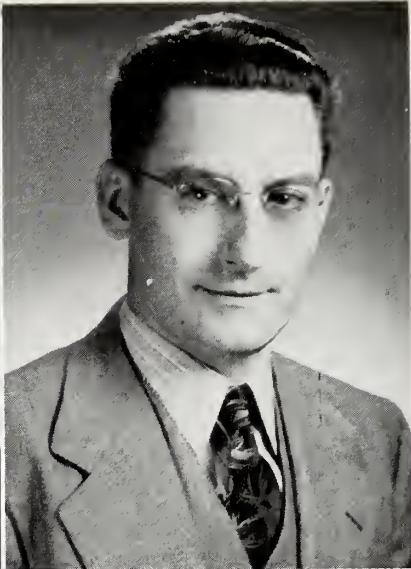
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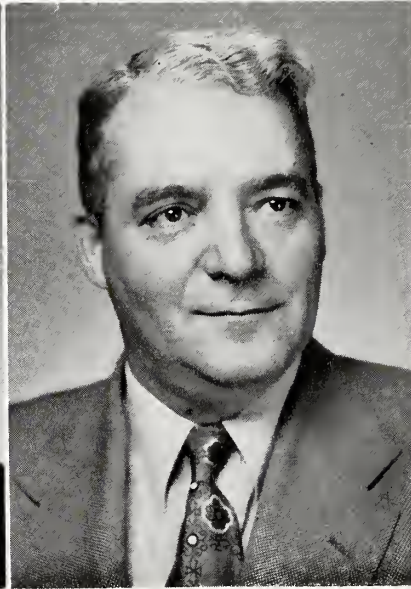
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**Lee Dular, B.Ed., M.A.**  
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 Mathematics



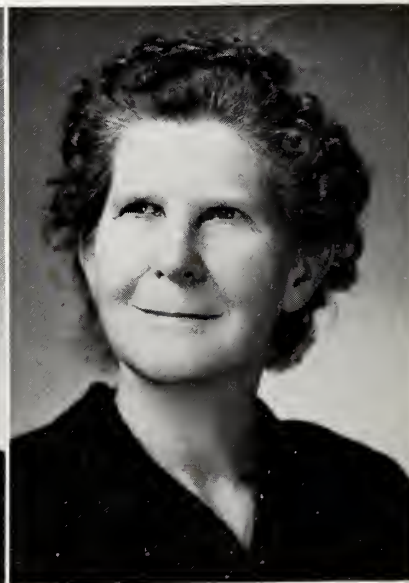
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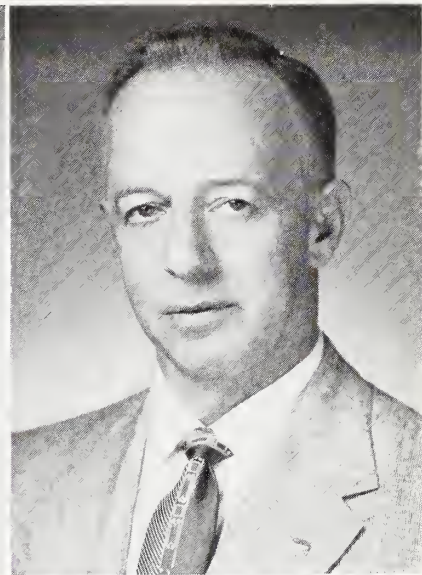
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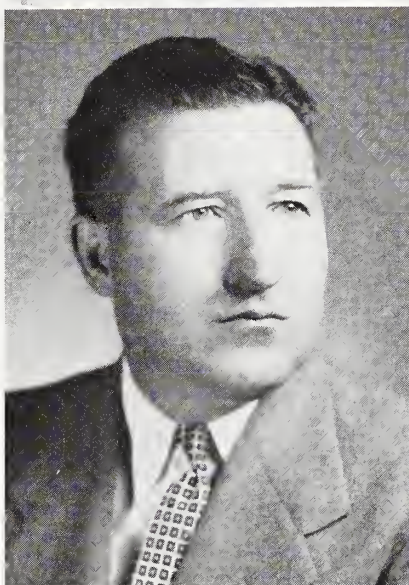




**Dorothy Lieb, B.S., R.N.**  
North Dakota State College  
University of Minnesota  
Nurse



**Carl S. Mendenhall, B.A., M.S.**  
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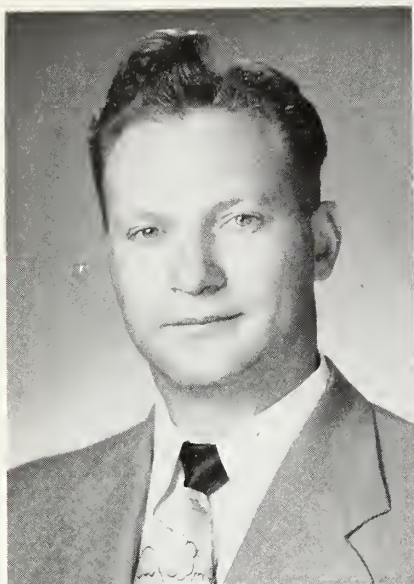
**Mrs. Peacock**  
Secretary to the Dean



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DePauw University  
University of Indiana  
History and Political Science

**Fred W. Ring, B.S., M.S.**  
University of Chattanooga  
University of Illinois  
Chemistry





**Peter Schloss, B.S., M.A.**  
Bemidji State Teachers' College  
University of Wisconsin  
J. C. Coach, Physical Education



**H. L. Sprague, B.B.A., M.B.A., M.A.**  
University of Washington  
University of Chicago  
Columbia University  
Accounting and Economics



**Ruth Steele, B.A., M.S.**  
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J. C. Chorus



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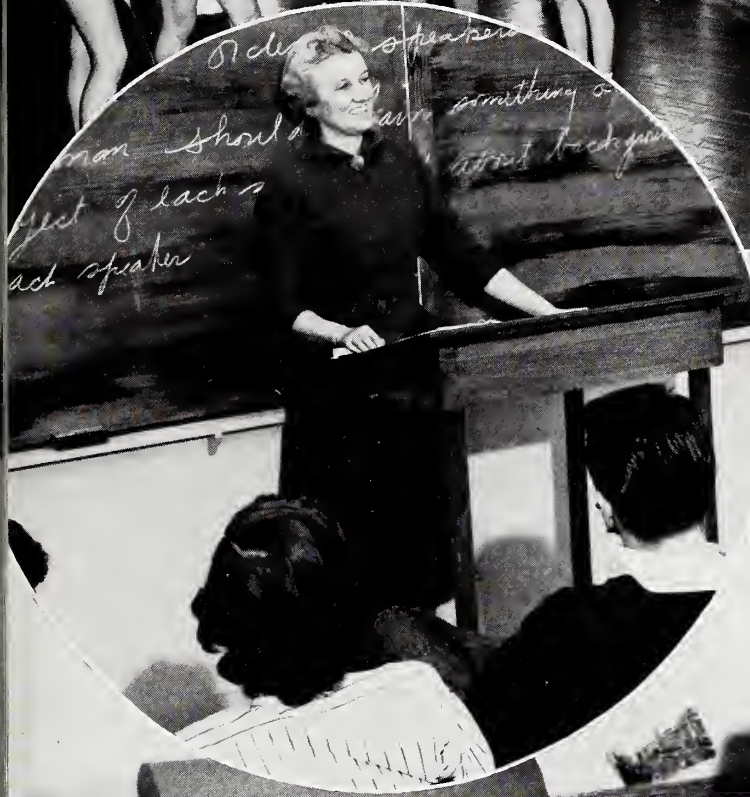
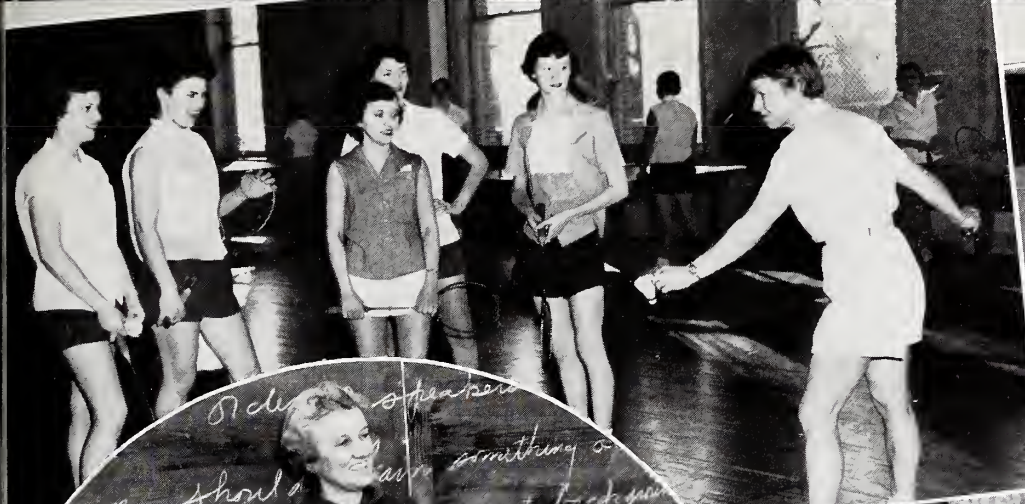
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Business Law

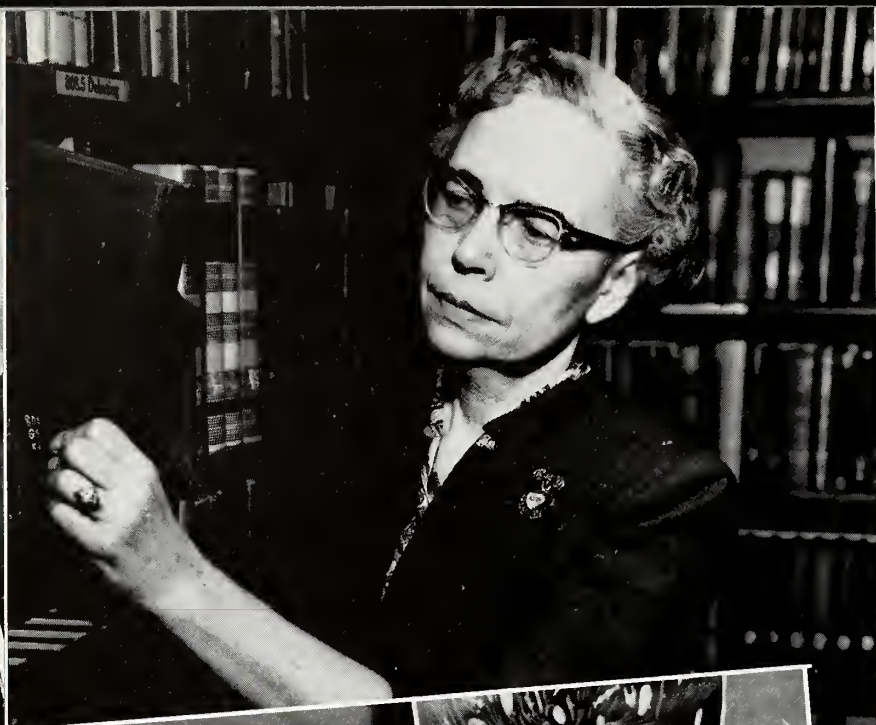
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**Mr. Olson, B.A., M.A.**  
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# SOPHOMORES











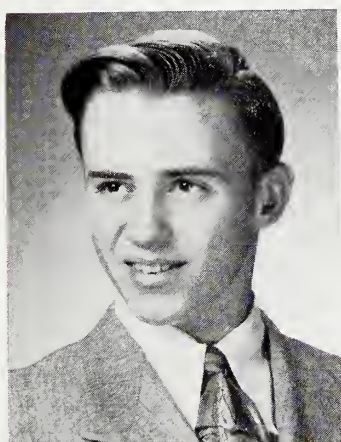
Gail Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer; Luther Harthun, President

## Sophomore Officers



**Frances Beluschek**

Dolton L. A. S.  
Co-ed Club . . . Gamma sorority . . .  
W.A.A. . . . Swimming . . . Volleyball  
. . . Spanish Club . . . Refreshment  
crew chairman.

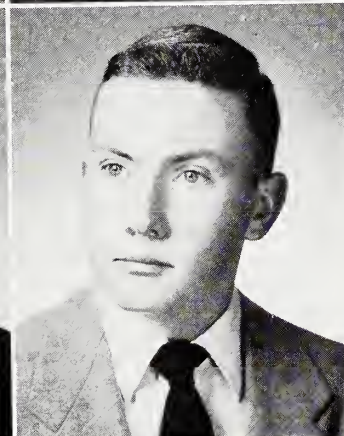


**Walter W. Benner**

Hazel Crest Chemistry  
Men's Club Board . . . Golf . . . Track  
. . . German Club . . . Intramurals . . .  
TJC Engineering Society.

**Valerie Ann Bergold**

Harvey L. A. S.  
Co-ed Club . . . Beta . . . Co-chair-  
man—Little Sister Tea . . . German  
Club Secretary . . . Lambda Epsilon  
. . . Drama Club Secretary . . . Chorus  
. . . Co-editor—CALDRON . . . COUR-  
IER staff.

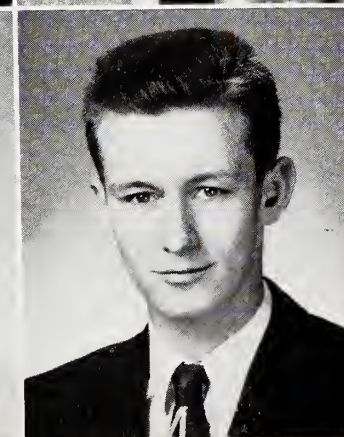
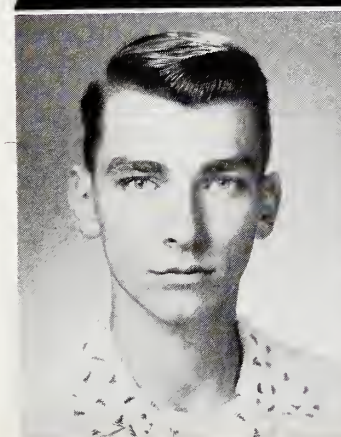


**Margot Louise Bolton**

Harvey L. A. S.  
Co-ed Club . . . Alpha . . . W.A.A.  
. . . French Club Vice President . . .  
always smiling.

**James L. Broderick**

Homewood Pre-Law  
Men's Club . . . Spanish Club . . .  
"Jim."



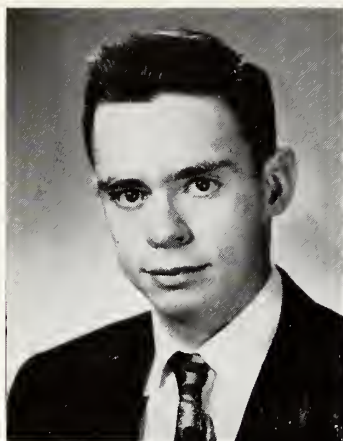
**Robert Browne**

Midlothian Pre-Engineering  
Basketball . . . TJC Engineering So-  
ciety . . . Studios . . . tall . . .  
Physics.

**Richard Burton**

Markham Pre-Engineering  
Men's Club Board . . . Lambda Ep-  
silon . . . TJC Engineering Society.





**William C. Counihan**

Chicago Heights Pre-Engineering  
Men's Club . . . TJC Engineering  
Society.

**Caryl Ruth Damm**

Blue Island L. A. S.  
Co-ed Club President . . . W.A.A.  
board member . . . "T" . . . Epsilon  
. . . circulation manager of COURIER  
. . . French Club . . . Student Council  
. . . graduation usher . . . Staggette  
Mistress of Ceremonies.

**Carol V. DeVries**

Blue Island L. A. S.  
Epsilon . . . Co-ed Club Treasurer . . .  
German Club . . . W.A.A. . . . graduation  
usher.

**Richard N. Easter**

Hazel Crest Pre-Veterinarian  
Chemistry lab leader . . . fish.

**Carol Ann Eyler**

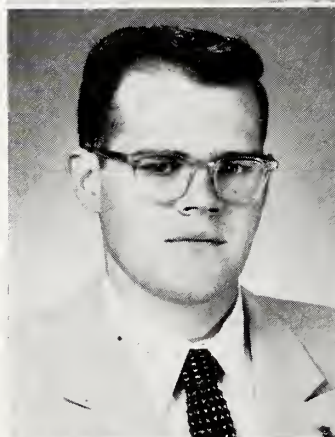
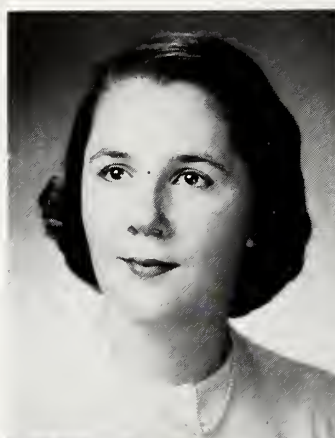
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"Lady Windermere's Fan" . . . co-  
chairman of Mixer . . . Kappa leader  
. . . Treasurer of Drama Club . . .  
Pep Cat Captain . . . W.A.A. . . .  
"Arsenic and Old Lace" . . . German  
Club . . . "Tom."

**Elaine Elizabeth Fieldhouse**

Lansing L. A. S.  
Graduation usher . . . Vice President  
of Co-ed Club . . . W.A.A. . . . Epsilon  
. . . Treasurer of French Club . . .  
Lambda Epsilon Secretary-Treasurer  
. . . "Henry."

**Colleen B. Finney**

Harvey Pre-Teaching  
Staggette Court . . . Always has fun  
. . . Beta leader . . . "T" . . . Secretary  
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Drama Club.





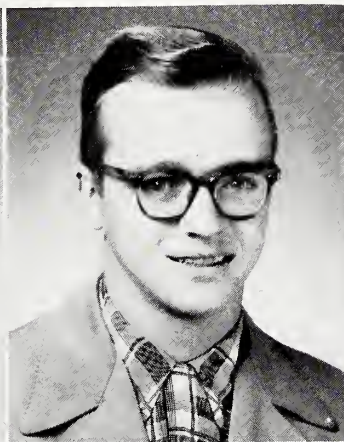
**Carolyn Fox**

Blue Island  
Co-ed Club . . . Delta . . . Co-chair-  
man—Little Sister Tea . . . Staggette  
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loyal sports fan.



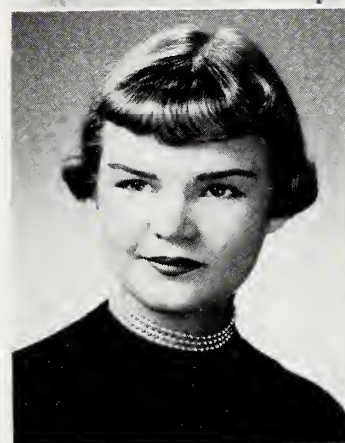
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Co-ed Club . . . Alpha . . . Spanish  
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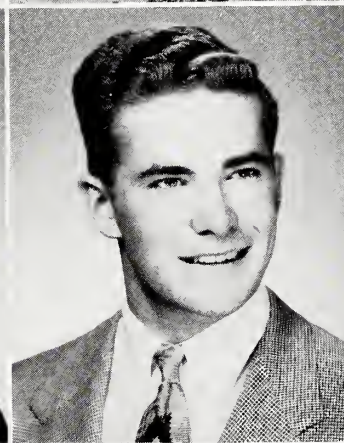
**Ronald Fulton**

Tinley Park  
Men's Club . . . TJC Engineering So-  
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. . . COURIER and CALDRON staffs.



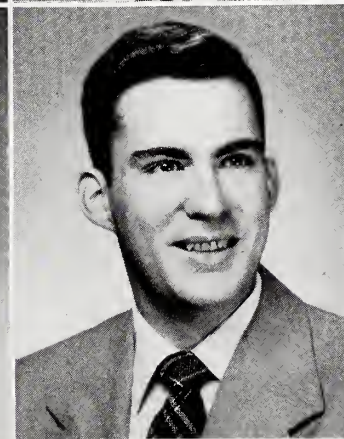
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Lansing  
Sophomore Class President . . . Stu-  
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**Barbara Jean Haywood**

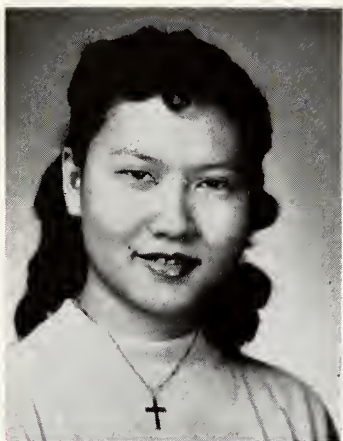
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Student Council . . . Co-ed Club . . .  
Gamma Leader . . . W.A.A. . . . "T"  
. . . Board member . . . Men's Club  
(?) . . . French Club President . . .  
Lambda Epsilon . . . COURIER Co-  
editor . . . CALDRON staff . . . Grad-  
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Midlothian  
Men's Club . . . TJC Engineering  
Society.





**Lily Yuk-Wah Ho**

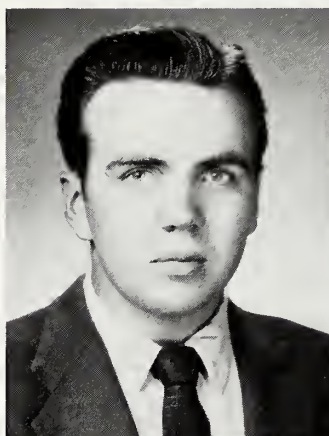
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Epsilon . . . Friendly . . . Co-ed Club.

**William F. Holleman**  
South Holland

General

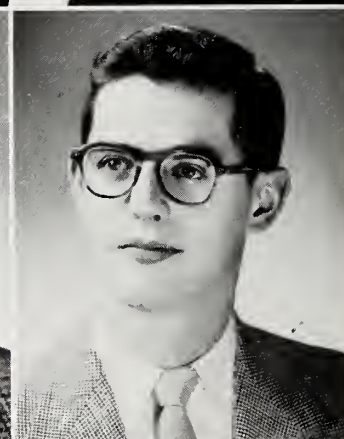
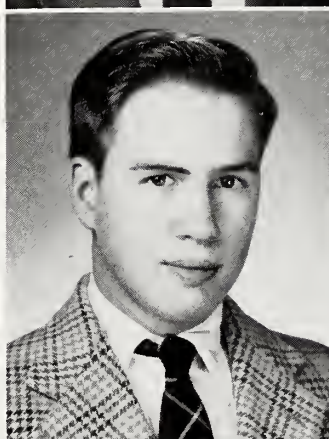
**Betty Jean Johnson**

Chicago General  
Co-ed Club . . . Alpha . . . CALDRON  
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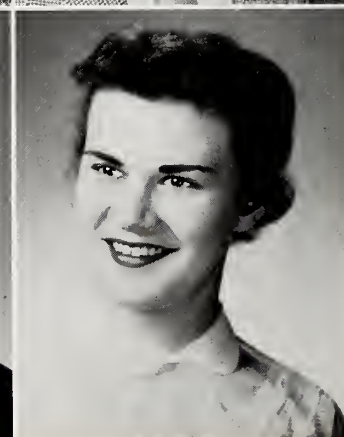
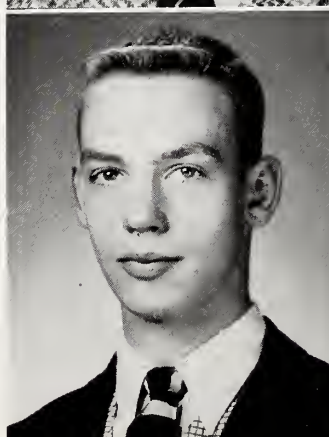
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Men's Club . . . TJC Engineering  
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**Jerry King**

Chicago Heights Pre-Commerce  
Student Council . . . Men's Club . . .  
lots of fun.



**Roland I. King**

Flossmoor Pre-Commerce  
Football . . . Vice President of  
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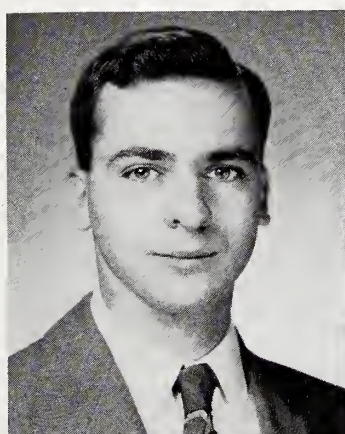
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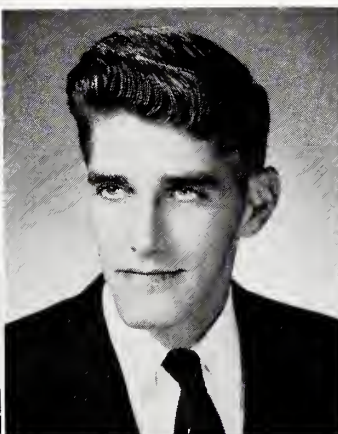
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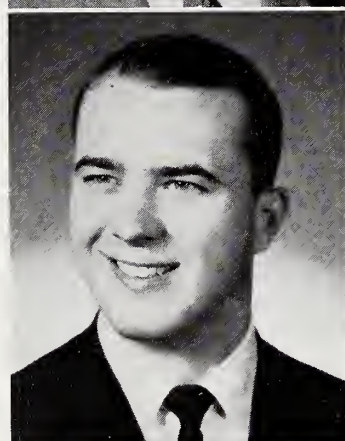
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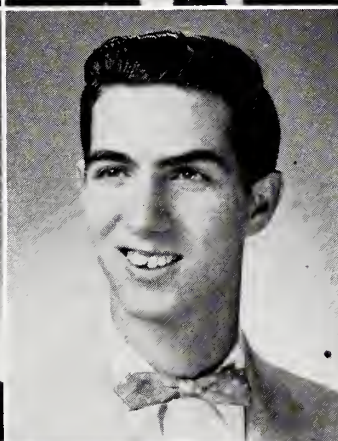
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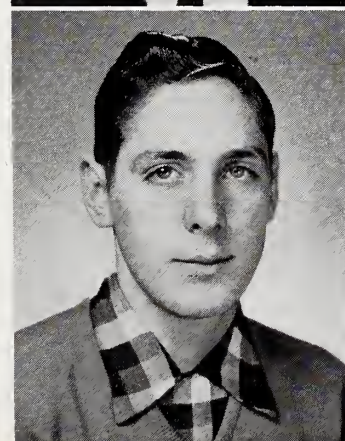
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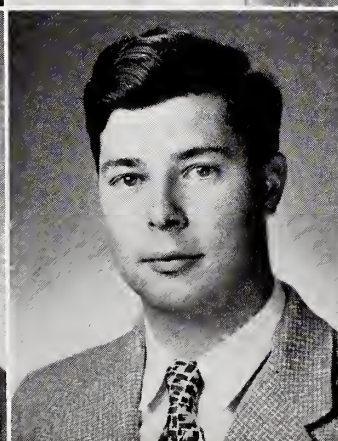
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Artist . . . Chorus.



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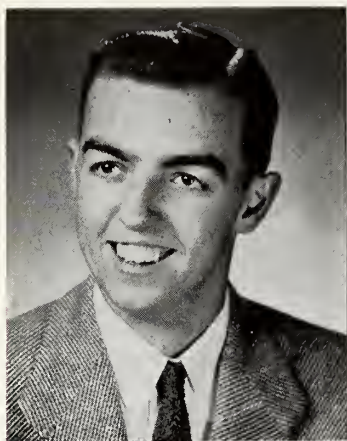
Chicago Heights      Pre-Engineering  
"Wireless" . . . TJC Engineering  
Society.



**Sam Joseph Maselli**

Chicago Heights      Chemistry  
Men's Club . . . dog lover . . . photog-  
rapher for yearbook . . . German  
Club . . . helpful . . . Drama Club . . .  
"Arsenic and Old Lace" . . . "Lady  
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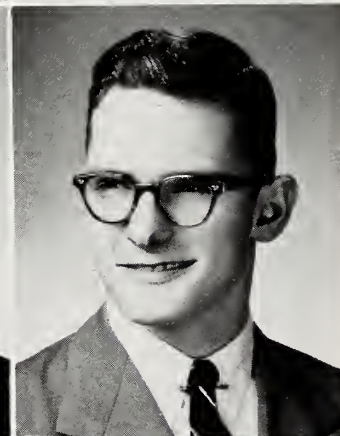
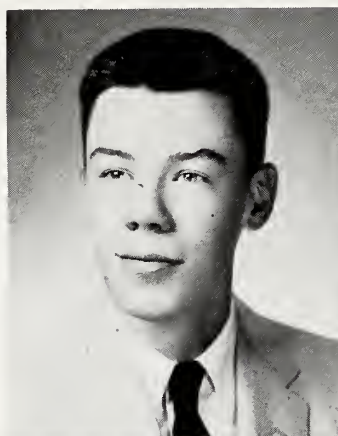
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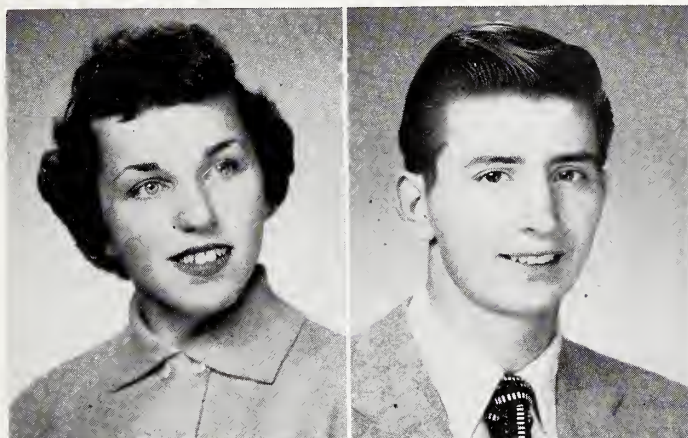
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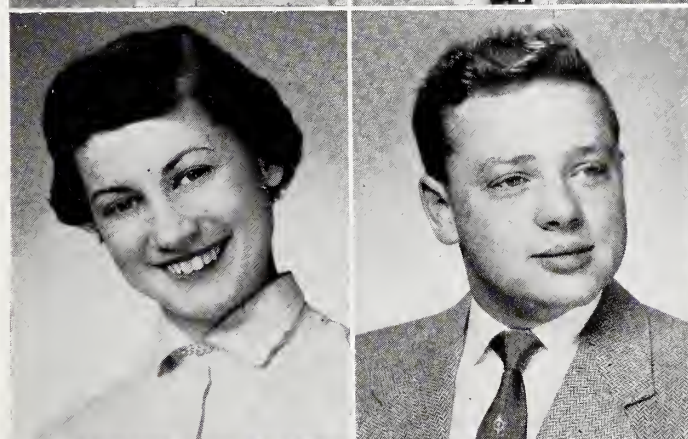


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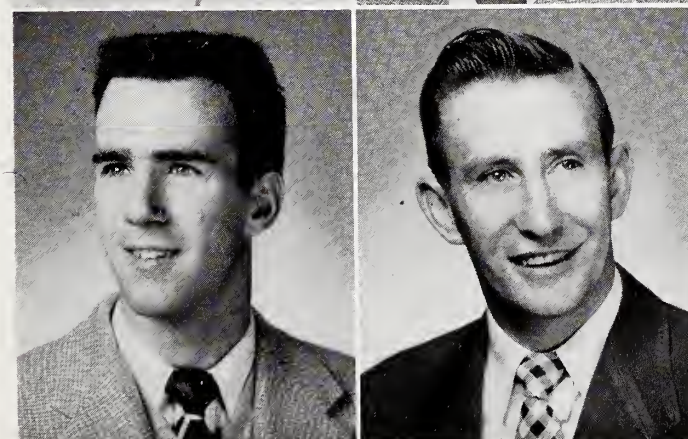
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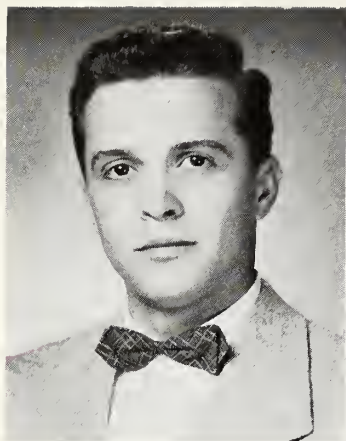
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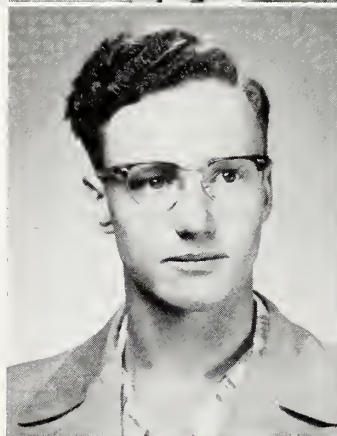
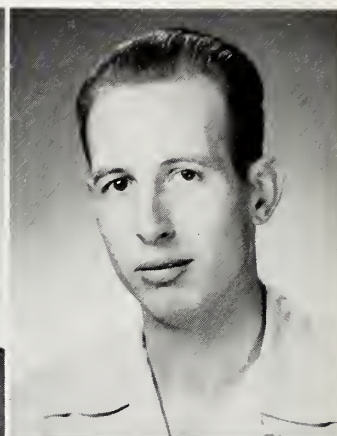
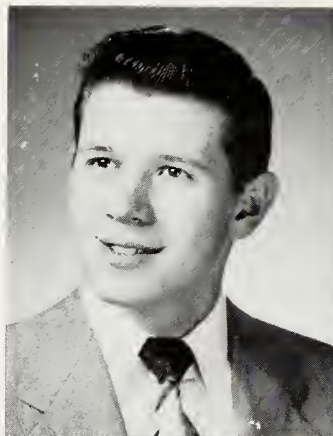
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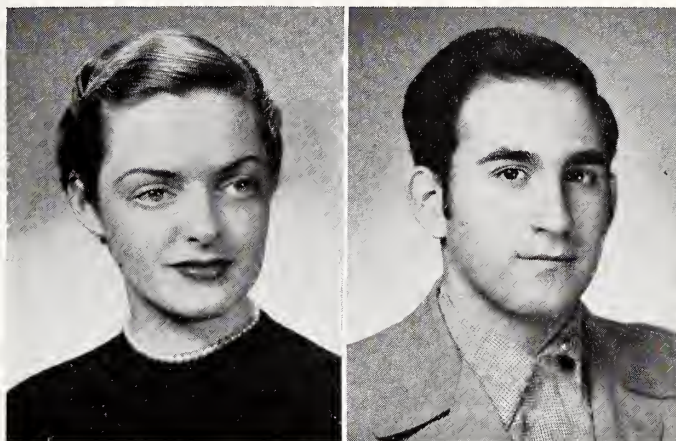


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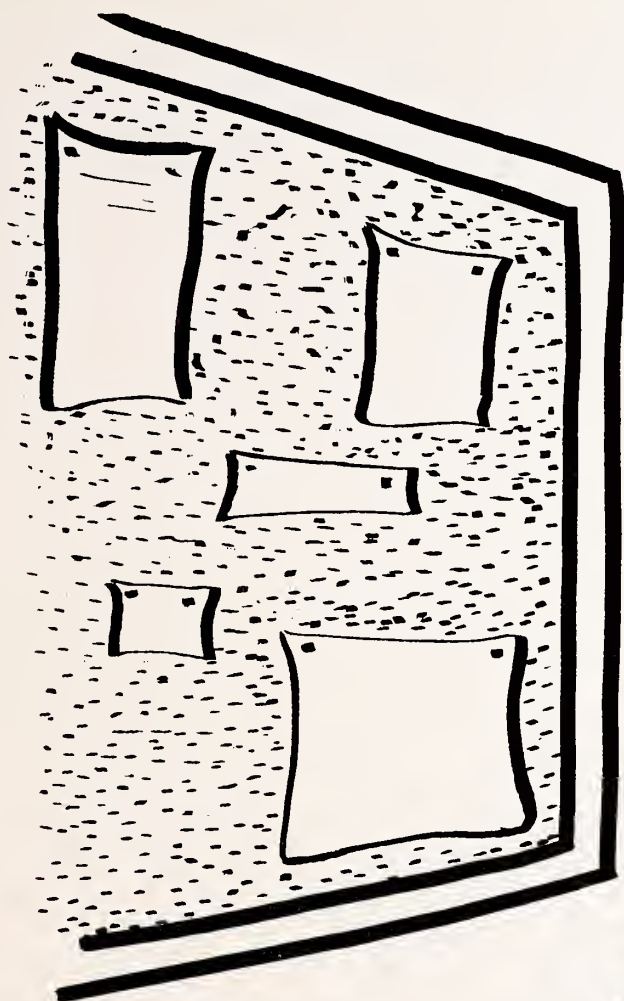




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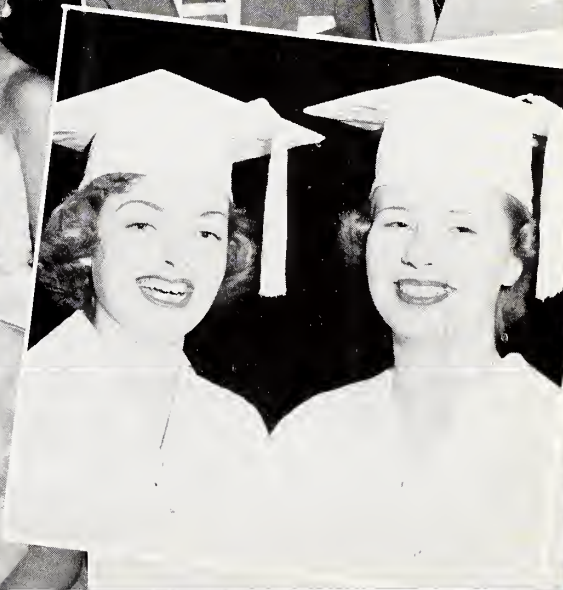




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